

Q. No speaker being questioned is Karl Friedman?

P. First of all before we go ahead, do you mind if I make a statement?

Q. That's not important, your statement.

P. Well, I want to state, first here, this afternoon that nothing I say here necessarily represents the thinkings of or the opinions of the F.B.I. or the House Committee on Un-American Activities nor does it necessarily express the opinions or thinkings of the newspapers, television and radio programs who are at this press conference at this meeting today.

Q. What connection do you have with either the F.B.I. or the House Un-American Activities Committee?

P. I was working for the FBI from 1947 to 1960 when I severed----- at that time. No, I have no association with either at this time.

Q. Have you made this statement before, in a court of record? On Reuther here and May Reuther and George Edwards?

P. This has been made, not to any Federal Agency but has been made to a state investigative agency in California.

Q. Could you give us the address of the UAW headquarters on E. Grd. Blvd?

P. I don't recall. It was years ago. It was on E. Grand Blvd.

Q. How about Walter Reuthers home?

P. Walter Reuther's home was almost directly across from a park.

Q. Do you know the intersecting street where the UAW headquarters was located on E. Grd. Blvd?

P. No, I don't.

Q. But your sure it was E. Grand Blvd?

P. East of Woodward, yes.

Q. Was it Grand Blvd?

P. It was on Grand Blvd, the United Automobile Workers Headquarters.

Q. You have someone identified as a Business Agent, Walter Reuther's Business Agent.

P. That was Stanley Nowak who was a member of the Communist Party whom I know intimately.

Q. Business Agent?

P. Yes.

Q. The UAW didn't have business agents. They had business representatives

P. Well, let's call it representative.

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Well, it's not an agent.

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Now, before we get this on tape, could you point out what your trying to prove here? As I read this statement, all I read is that you were a Communist and that you were at this gathering in Reuther's home, which is hardly news and that you were a member of Local 174.

I was not a member of Local 174.

But you were at this meeting of Local 174?

No, not Local 174.

Well, Reuther's was Local 174.

If you read the statement sir, I do not state I attended a meeting of Local 174.

I didn't say that. These were 174 people and you were a Communist.

They were not 174 people, if you read the statement.

That was Reuther's local.

This was a private meeting.

Alright, now let me, now tell me in your words what your trying to prove by this statement. You got us over here to read this.

I am trying to construe by the statement that both Walter Reuther and George Edwards were closely aligned with the Communist Party during that period and they, throughout the organizational period of the CIO, carried out Communist directives, directed by me to the headquarters.

Could you tell me how your statement proves that?

Well my statement proves it on the grounds of moral and I'm telling the truth, that's all.

Now, well that's no answer at all.

Are you telling me that these people are under the control of the Communists? How?

Alright, present at the meeting were Frank Hartung, member of the Communist Party, Representatives of the United Office and Professional workers, Stanley Rowak, Walter Reuther's business representative, who is a member of the Communist Party, Mike Dulesky, Secretary of the Plymouth local, a member of the Communist Party and a Leo Lamotte who was president of the Plymouth local of the United Auto Workers, a member of the Communist Party. I was present, Walter Reuther was present, George Edwards was present, Ray Reuther was present, Kanter was present and it was at this meeting that the Communist Party directed me, as section organizer of the West Side of Detroit for the

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to attend this meeting and to direct everyone present there, not to do anything about ousting John L. Lewis at this time. A meeting was held the following morning with John L. Lewis, at the Statler Hotel and Walter Reuther and George Edwards and the rest of them carried out the directives, implicitly.

Q. How does that prove sir, that they-----

P. It doesn't prove it.

Q. How does it prove these were directives from the Communist Party?

P. He (Reuther) knew me very well and it was known to him very definitely at previous meetings, for example, there were many occasions where the Communist Party at 5969--14th st. would run off circulars for Walter Reuther, at which meeting would be booked in on behalf of Walter Reuther and his wife.

Q. It was held in his home. There is nothing unusual about her being there, it's in her home, is that true?

P. It's nothing unusual.

Q. How come you've waited 26 years----- to unleash this fact?

P. I'm just stating facts.

Q. Did you take notes at this meeting?

P. No.

Q. How come you've waited 26 years?

P. I didn't wait 26 years. This story was put into the records of the FBI years ago.

Q. Why are you bringing it out now, in Detroit?

P. Because I just happened to be in Michigan at this time, and just yesterday I heard that George Edwards, who is Police Commissioner was appointed to Federal Judgeship and personally, knowing the background of George Edwards and my association with him, he being a Trotsky at that time which is the left-wing of the Communist Party----

Q. Can you prove that?

P. No, I can't prove that.

Q. Why did you say it?

P. I know it. I have no other witnesses but on the question of morals.

Q. Well, you're a complete stranger coming in here saying these things about public figures. We're reporting-----

P. I'm, I'm-----sir, I'm subject to libel. This is evidence.

Q. So are our publications (libel)

P. This is a statement that I am making. I attended this meeting and many other meetings.-----

Q. What does it mean, what does it prove about George Edwards?

P. There is no proof other than the fact that on moral grounds I'm telling you that this is the truth.

Q. You can't do business with Newsweek Magazine on that basis. It's a pretty flimsy presentation. If it is in a court of record or something, where you made this statement.

P. Just a minute sir, what do you want?

Q. I want proof. I want the specific date and time it was held and I want affidavits from people other than yourself.

P. I'll tell you what I'll do sir, to satisfy your magazine. I will write you an affidavit, subject to perjury, I will find out all-----

Q. (interrupted P.) I want the other evidence too, I want the specifics on what happened, who was there and I want affidavits from other people too.

P. Well-----

Q. Your making pretty serious charges here, claiming to---

P. Why sure, I know there serious.

Q. Right here, it doesn't prove a thing. Your saying there was a meeting which you attended.

P. The only way you can prove it is if you attended the meeting yourself and if you were to make a statement like that, being present it wouldn't mean anything either, see what I mean?

Q. Well, I wouldn't call a press conference and make it (statement). That's the difference between you and me.

P. Well, I disagree with you because this is vital information (interrupted

Q. 25 years old?

P. (continues) from a person who has been with the FBI for 12 years this is in the records of them, but no available to you.

Q. If it's in the records of the FBI, why was Edwards appointment blocked?

P. Possibly not known to you, but the files of the FBI, the records of the FBI is never public documentation, it's never even available to any Senate or House Committee or any Committee.

Q. Well, this affirmation isn't public either.

Q. Well, they certainly do an investigation on candidates for public judgeship.

Q. Sir, if you object to George Edwards, why didn't you go before the Judicial Committee in the Senate on his appointment.

P. As a matter of fact, I just heard about this yesterday, about George Edwards and I would be very happy to go before the Judicial Committee in the Senate.

Q. Where were you in the FBI?

P. I worked in the state of California from 1947 to 1960. All this information that I could gather during my activities in the State of California and I meticulously reported to the FBI to-----

Q. In the state of Michigan, you say?

P. Yes.

Q. In other words, the local FBI office here had some knowledge?

P. Absolutely

Q. They say they never heard of you (FBI)

P. Well

Q. Is this in any way connected with trying to publicize your tour?

P. No, it has nothing to do with the publicity of the tour. The question of having the press interview was suggested to me by the Young Republicans and I was very happy----

Q. Was he aware of the content/ of your statement?

P. I don't know if he was or not. I had it drafted---

Q. Why are you no longer with the FBI?

P. I am no longer with the FBI because in 1960 the FBI and the House Committee on Un-American Activities got together and decided that they would like me to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and after testifying, of course, exposing myself I am no longer of any particular value to them.

Q. Was this made available to that Un-American Committee?

P. This was made to the House Committee on Un-American Activities and it was kept in Executive Session, which is not available to you.

Q. When?

P. 19--- I think June 1960.

Q. You mean, since 1960 the American Government has known that George Edwards was a Trotskyite and that Walter Reuther knew that he was taking orders on how to keep John L. Lewis-----Communist Party?

As a matter of fact, my testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee, I make the statement that Walter Reuther was considered by the Communist Party, as the person to carry out the Trade Union tactics which was in the interest of the perspective of the Communist Party for the future. I don't have the Committee reports here but you can get them.

Q. Well, I can understand the Communist Party wanting to get Walter Reuther to do their stuff, but was Walter Reuther aware that he had been selected?

A. Well, Walter Reuther's a fairly intelligent man and he was in close communication with the Communist Party.

Q. You didn't answer my question. I asked if Walter Reuther knew he had been selected and that he was doing the work?

A. I think he knew, yes.

Q. You think he knew. But you don't know for sure? You don't know that he was carrying out the wishes of the Communist Party? All your saying is he is a fairly intelligent guy which would be a good thing for them. But you don't know that he knows?

A. Well, I don't know, of course not. I never attended a cell meeting of the Communist Party per se with Walter Reuther. But I know that the association between the Trade Union Commission of the Communist Party and Walter Reuther were very amiable, very close at all times during that period in which I was involved as Section Leader and Organizer of the Communist Party. I had met many times with Walter Reuther, with Stanley Nowak, with Karl Pestler, who was the editor of their paper and he was a member of the Communist Party too.

Q. How old were you when you were subverting the labor movement?

A. Ah, I was assigned to Trade Union work by the Communist Party when I was---24.

Q. Is that when this took place?, Were you 24 in 1937?

A. Well this is part of my Communist work and it isn't--- of the movement.

Q. Well, what were you in 1937?

A. Oh, let's see. I'm 54 now, so 21-22

Q. 54, that's 23 years ago, you were 28.

A. 28.

Q. And you'd been a Communist for 7 or 8 years by that time?

A. I joined the Communist Party in 19--? while I was a student at Wayne State University and I have been a member of the Communist Party to 1960. From 1947 to 1960 I was with the FBI.

Q. That would make you 17-18 when you were subverting, I was just wondering how-----

A. 17 or 18, you got your figures wrong.

24. I thought maybe you'd answer.

I'm not. The question of age can be figured out. It's not 19, I was well over 22.

The crutch of your proof seems to be that prior to this meeting there was a labor movement afoot to oust John L. Lewis and that after the meeting Walter Reuther and members of the UAW agreed not to do it as it was the wish of the Communist Party.

That is correct sir. And I delivered directives to this meeting as to why John L. Lewis should not be ousted at that time.

What were your reasons?

The reason at that time was that the Communist Party felt that John L. Lewis was still an asset to the Communist Party until the militant left-wing fighting trade union class----- and they agreed they would get rid of him and finally, I think it was in 1938, immediately thereafter John L. Lewis made the statement that the CIO did not endorse Wilkie for President, he would resign. And the CIO did not endorse Wilkie and then John L. Lewis did resign and the Communists were happy about it. So it was done much more easily than the Communists had ever expected to carry out the plan.

In your statement you say that the Communist Party was to dispose of a leader in the CIO, John L. Lewis. Why do you use the word dispose? Did you have some sinister plot in mind?

No, the Communist Party at that particular time-----and here, I have no written proof that, that. The job of the Communist Party to utilize John L. Lewis to build a strong militant UAW-CIO in the USA and they felt that he was not a Communist and there would come a day when they would come to issue with John L. Lewis and therefore wanted to dispose of him, that is, within the Trade Union movement to which they could oust John L. Lewis and this is what I mean by disposing of him. I don't mean, don't take it literally.

You have been asking us to take it literally. Why do you say dispose?

Well, how do you want to interpret the word dispose. Get rid of. Certainly it doesn't mean to physically hurt the man, it simply means to get him out of the leadership of the CIO.

What have you been doing since 1960?

I've been spending all my time lecturing and writing.

Are you a Republican now?

I am a registered Republican, yes sir.

Where are you registered?

Registered in Santa Clara County, in California.

Are you now a member of the John Birch Society?

No, I'm not a member of the John Birch Society. I work as an

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individual and I have no association with any organization, political, industrial or otherwise. I am Mark Prussion, an individual who-----tries to tell the story especially among the students, of the Communist Conspiracy in the United States.

Are you being paid ~~by~~/W/R/M in Michigan by the Womans Republican Club?

The Womans Republican Club is paying me \$ 50.00 honorarium for my talk.

How about your travel, are you paying for that yourself? Both to and from, expenses involved?

Up till now I've been paying my round trip ticket and I hope during my stay here to have enough honorariums through collections, media and the sale of my booklet to compensate me for this.

Who's picking up the tab for this room? Right now?

I am.

You are?

Is it true, it checked out in the name of Mr. Howell?

I know but I told him to get the room and start the conference as he suggested. Personally I think it's \$ 10.00, yeah and I said I'd give him the \$ 10.00.

You seem quite knowledgeable about Mr. Reuther's politics and other members of the UAW as of 1937. Since that time and since that meeting are you of the opinion that they are still involved in some world-wide Communist Conspiracy to undermine the United States?

Well, this requires a long dissertation on my part. I would say that--

Well either they are or they aren't.

Judging from the actions of Walter Reuther and others like him in the Trade Union movement, I feel that they are working towards the pre-requisites, willingly or unwillingly, that the Communist want the US for their take-over in this country.

In a space of time could you give us 3 specifics, 3 things that Walter Reuther has done since 1937 that are unrepentable?

I think, first the whole program of United Automobile Workers is a Leninist program, class struggle. It is a program of workers against bosses and that this class struggle is continuous and cannot resolve itself until there is Socialism in the United States.

This is just the UAW or is this organized labor in general?

So, this-- there are many unions like them but the UAW is one of them. Like the Mine, Mill and Smelters is one of them, the Furriers Union is one of them, the Stock Workers Union in Chicago ~~is~~, those types of union

Teamsters?

P. I'd say the Teamsters too.

Q. Which would you say are not involved in this thing, class struggle? Which Unions can you specifically point out that are not involved in this class struggle?

P. Well I couldn't think off hand but I think in the main, generally speaking, the whole approach of the Trade Unions movement in the U.S. is based on class struggle between employers and employee, threats of strikes to attain their ends, threats of unauthorized strikes to slow down, sit down and so forth are definite----- Herbert today is chairman of the Trade Union Committee of the Communist Party at Ford and he spends 4 or 5 years in the United States as the leader of the Communist Party in the Trade Union movement and he sets forth the directives for all the sit-down strikes and the revolutionizing of the Trade Union movement in the United States. Don't ask me how to prove-----

Q. Is the state leader of the Woman's Republican Club aware of your feelings towards organized labor in the U.S., that you feel that----

P. No, I Don't think they are.

Q. They didn't check out your credentials very thoroughly then?

P. No, they know the talk I give is principally about-----

Q. What do you talk to the students about?

P. Just so as I point out how one joins the Communist Party while a student, what he learns when he's in the Communist Party and why students should not join the Communist Party and encourage them to carry on their work in an intelligent, orderly manner against Communism.

Q. Is the Communist Party the same now as it was in 1937?

P. Well, the Communist Party today is more influential than ever in the history of the Communist Party and I'll tell you, I'll give you a quotation, I'll tell you what I mean. At the 1958 convention of the Communist Party held in Chicago, a man by the name of James S. Allen who was head of the strategy Committee of the Communist Party made the following statement and this is a quote: "We Communists here in the United States are in a much better position on the road to Socialism than were our Bolshevik brothers in 1917, just after the first world war when they took the road", and of quote. Now it is the objective of the Communists of the United States to take our country through a strong centralized left wing government that will control the individual and the family from birth to death. And our government has been going in this direction for the past 3 decades and I attribute a lot of this to the activities, influence, the generating of this sort of a government by the Communist Party and those whom they influence through the intellectual, ah--liberal movement in the United States.

Q. Are you trying to prevent this, now that you've been an undercover man for the FBI for a dozen years or so and ~~you~~ are you trying to bring out the truth of what the Communists are really after, to prevent this country from going that way?

P. This is my objective, yes.

- Q. How long have you been a Republican, I see here--
- P. I've been a Republican, funny as it sounds, since 1964 at the behest of the Communist Party. They asked me to join the Republican Party.
- Q. You were serving both the FBI and the Communist Party at the same time?
- P. In working for the FBI you have to suffer the revulsion of carrying out the Communist directives so that you can do your work for the FBI. Service to the Communist Party was repulsive to me and I was very happy, honestly, to get out of it before the Committee.
- Q. Are Walter Reuther and Commissioner Edwards both Communists or Communist sympathizers?
- P. I don't say that they're either Communists or Communist sympathizers but I'd say that Walter Reuther, at the present time, is carrying out those sort of activities within the Trade Union movement and other activities which are in the interest of the Communist Party in the United States.
- Q. Consciously?
- P. I couldn't tell you that sir. I do know his background, way back, way back I'd say he'd be doing it consciously.
- Q. Our present Under-Secretary of State for African Affairs, Mennen Williams was Governor of this state for what, 14 years? Well anyway he had plenty of support thru the years from Walter Reuther. Do you know anything about his political-----
- P. I know nothing about Soapy.
- Q. How about Gus Scholle. He's in the labor movement.
- P. I know nothing about Gus Scholle.
- Q. Just Walter Reuther and-----
- P. There are many others in the state but I would have to sit down and dig out their names. Like Fred Williams, I don't know if he still is but he was head of the Bohn Aluminum outfit and he was a member of the Communist Party and member of the Trade Unions Commission. I don't know what Leo Lamotte is doing now. Leo was the president of Plymouth and also a member of the Communist Party, Mike Duleski was a member of the Communist Party.
- Q. Well, I'll tell you one of your facts is very wrong. The UAW, the International never had a headquarters on E. Grand Blvd.
- P. Ah---the only---I beg your pardon sir, you are right. It was the west side local, you see I haven't been here in some time. It was West Grand Blvd, will you make the correction please. They had their International Headquarters on west side of Grand Blvd. Yeah, that's right and right across the street was Walter Reuther's apartment and that's where I attended this one meeting and many---
- Q. Who called this meeting?

- P. Ah, I think that this meeting, now here I'm not sure. I think this meeting was called at the behest of the Communist Party.
- Q. And you told Walter Reuther that the Communist Party wanted to have a meeting with him and some of his -----sit down and talk about laying off of John L. Lewis' and he said, Yes? Is this what your suggesting that the Communist Party called a meeting and-----
- P. Wait a minute. I'm not suggesting that I went and told Walter Reuther. The Communist Party, William Weinstone who was the district organizer told me, Karl I want you to go down to that meeting at Walter Reuther's house and give him these directives and I did it.
- Q. In other words, you showed up there as a Communist with the directives in your hand and whether they knew these were Communist directives and came directly to them as orders of the Communist Party, you do not know?
- P. As I say. Walter Reuther knew me very well by my association with----
- Q. He knew you, but did you tell him what these directives were?
- P. I read them there.
- Q. Did you stand up and say, This is what the Party wants you, Walter Reuther and George Edwards to do----- (interrupted)
- P. No, I didn't do this because I assumed Walter Reuther knew just who I was.
- Q. Don't you think your assuming an awful lot, assassinating their character now?
- P. I don't think I'm assassinating their character.
- Q. Here's a man up for a Court of Appeals Judge, he's not been advised----
- P. I'm not assassinating their character. I'm simply telling you of a meeting that happened.
- Q. Well, your objective today is to assassinate George Edwards.
- P. I would not like to see George Edwards appointed to a Federal Court Judge.
- Q. I don't believe your^{even} telling the truth on this.
- P. Well, you don't have to.
- Q. This is full of implications, innuendos and yet you will not back up one thing you've said.
- P. I've backed up this whole statement on the basis of moral and truth and you can take it any way you want.
- Q. I'd like some documentation, I'd like some proof.
- P. I will sign you an affidavit if you want.

An affidavit by you means nothing. It leaves us both libel.

Can you tell me who called the meeting?

The detail of the story is that William Weinstone, district organizer of the Communist Party called me into his office at 5969--14th and said, Karl, I want you to go to this meeting at Walter Reuther's house and give the directives pertaining to John L. Lewis which he handed me and which I read at the meeting at Walter Reuther's house. Present were----at least 8 identified Communists. I mean it's a matter of record that I named here, that the 8 were members of the Communist Party.

Q. Allan (referring to Allan Howell), do you endorse the statement?

A.H. I accept the statement as an individual.

Q. Well, you called this news conference, obviously for a purpose, why?

A.H. Because I felt his remarks-----

Q. Are you being paid by the Republican Party?

P. No sir, nobody pays me. I earn my own living.

Q. What do you do? What business are you in?

P. I am a lecturer and a writer.

Q. Well, as a writer, being a newspaperman all my life, some of your facts in here are not very factual.

P. That is correct sir. Certainly I know sir, that you, as a newspaperman are not in a position to publish any of this but it is good information. It's the truth.

Q. Well, I've heard, I've heard that they were pools (tools) of ----- since I worked on newspapers.

P. For Example this booklet which I wrote in California called the Calif-Digest of Communism, it's all the truth, all documented. There was an injunction gotten out by the Democratic Party in California against the book to stop it before the election. The Governor sued me for 1/8 a million.

Q. I think, I think your trying to throw some red herring around here. I'll be very honest with you.

P. No, it's not a question of red herring anymore, America is in trouble.

Q. What inspired you to give up the overthrow of the United States Gov.?

P. Well, during my first 4 years within the Communist Party, through experience I learned the Communists lied to me, were not at all concerned with the problems of mankind and wanted to exploit the problems of mankind in behalf of their Conspiracy and I can give you many examples of that. In addition to that, I personally, I can give you the example of what I'm going to tell you now,

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witnesses were subjected to or participated in such as rigged trials, to defend leading Communists, forced confessions before disciplinary Committee's, witnessed the provocation of suicide by a Communist, I witnessed the brutal physical destruction of a Communist spy that they caught and they had me witness it as a lesson and I witnessed the activity of their security or espionage system in the United States and during this first 4 years is when I decided to get out. And it's not easy to get out of the Communist Party and I made 8 attempts over a period of 10 years to get with a government agency including the FBI and they would not accept me because we were in a war period where we were allied with Soviet Union and the FBI, at that time and other Government agencies such as Military and Naval Intelligence felt no need for this type of work while Russia was our Allie. In 1947 things began to happen again, the cells were re-organized in the Communist Party and they accepted me as a Counter-Spy.

Q. If you think that it was hard to get out of the Communist Party, how long have you been out of it now?

P. 2 years.

Q. If they wanted to get you, look what they did to Trotsky down in Mexico.

P. Well the Communist Party of the United States at the present time is not interested particularly in killing ex-Communists, it would not do them any good. It would hurt rather than help them. Men like Philbrick haven't been killed, Max Ovetik wasn't killed, I'm not going to get killed by the Communists although I get threats, lots of them. But I take it very lightly because I know the Communists are not carrying out this tactic at the present time. They have done and done very well in carrying out a campaign in the area in which I live, social and economic attrition through which I was thrown out of business, I was thrown into involuntary bankruptcy in the building business that I had and too 5 times within a year and a half and it was very difficult to get employment and to start any kind of a business because my character has been assassinated if you want to use that word.

Q. That's what your trying to do here. This was a mere sheet of paper.

P. I'm not trying to assassinate characters. I'm trying to point out the background of 2 men whom I think are dangerous to the United States because of the positions they take in the Trade Union movement I believe theirs is one of class struggle, one of turmoil and strife and I honestly believe that Walter Reuther, will be in a position someday to call a political strike which is in line with the Communist Party teachings. A political strike is not for hours and working conditions, it's on political issues such as civil rights, such as the atomic bomb and so forth.

Q. Are you against Civil Rights?

P. I'm for Civil Rights but I don't like the way they're handling the civil rights question. I know too much about them. I know the Communists who were working in the Civil Rights movement. I name them in this paper I passed out.

Q. At the meeting the next morning at the Statler Hotel and I'm quoting from your statement that directives were issued and the Communist Party line was carried out by all present. Were you present?

P. Yes

Q. Walter Reuther?

P. Yes and Victor Reuther.

Q. At that meeting was John L. Lewis apprised of the fact that this was the decision made, I suppose, in Moscow?

P. John L. Lewis didn't know to my knowledge that any decision was made.

Q. You just all showed up?

P. Everybody showed up and we discussed various-----

Q. What was John L. Lewis doing in time at the time?

P. He came here at that time to co-ordinate CIO activities and if I remember correctly there was going to be a big rally of all Chrysler employees the next evening at the State Fairgrounds. He was to be the principal speaker. The big question at that time was whether John L. Lewis was going to attack the Communist Party or whether he wasn't. The Communist Party felt he would not attack the Communist Party and that this was the wrong time to fight with John L. Lewis. I attended that meeting as president of DeSoto Local of the UAW. I was at that time president, prior to becoming Section 0 ganister of the Communist Party. I was President of DeSoto local during the sit-down strike period.

Q. It's taken you an awful long time to indict Walter Reuther.

P. I've done this time and time again in many publications and articles that I've written and in my hearings before the House Un-American Activities. I go into detail about Walter Reuther and Phil Newberg. Your welcome to get that.

Q. You may have done all that but you've done nothing to prove it, to back it up.

P. The question is this, sir----

Q. I mean, do you have any affidavits from these people?

P. From which people?

Q. Any people who attended.

P. These people are all Communists, I don't mean Walter Reuther and the rest of them but the Communists there certainly aren't going to sign affidavits to this. I was the sole person who later became an FBI undercover agent.

Q. What was the reaction of the Senate-sub-committee or whomever it was in the US Government to which you made your statement regarding the roles that Walter Reuther and George Edwards, as tools of the

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of the Communist Party? Were they shocked?

No, they weren't a bit surprised, no.

They were not surprised?

No, the House Committee on Un-American Activities were not surprised.

Who edited it at the time?

Walters, who is a Democrat.

You, being a member of the Republican Party I think that Walter Reuther paid more lip-service to Romney last year by not even attacking him once during the campaign, not once.

Sir, I'm not an active Republican----

That's the truth.

I'm simply a registered Republican and do not participate in the organization.

This is a vicious thing to do. We know all these people. I'm not going to come in here and turn on my TV camera, turn on my sound camera and have some silly editor is liable to use it.

It's a question of moral and truth and if the truth is vicious---

This is a vicious statement.

Well it's the truth and sometimes the truth is vicious.

I think your trying to kick-off your tour with a good smash headline.

My tour is already scheduled.

I know but you want people there to listen to you.

Where, in Grand Rapids and Albion and Saginaw. No this isn't the purpose.

Well the Detroit newspapers are published out state.

The purpose of this conference---

(Howell interrupts) we have 3 other press conferences that are already pre-arranged.

Are you going to drop this bomb at all 3 press conferences?

What Press conferences?

He (Howell) says you have 3 press conferences scheduled for later this week. Are y u going to drop this bomb?

Well, they're welcome to this information whether it's vicious or not.

- Q. One more question. When you told these people one of the most prominent labor leaders of the United States was a tool of the Communist Party, and was aware of it, their reaction was casual?
- P. Yes, I think the House Committee on Un-American Activities had so much information on Trade Union labor movement, especially in the Michigan area, that they weren't shocked or disturbed about the stories I told about various people, with Walter Reuther and pertaining to Walter Reuther.
- Q. In other words-----
- Q. Who do you support, Goldwater or Nelson?
- P. I haven't made up my mind yet.
- Q. You're sure that the reason they didn't get too ~~excited~~ excited about it was that they might have thought you were a crack-pot?
- P. No, I'd like to have you read the House Committee reports in which you'll find many laudatory and exemplifying statements concerning my ~~testimony~~ testimony because it was meticulous, wasn't exaggerated, it wasn't a cloak and dagger type of testimony, it was plain logical activity that they could accept within the Communist Conspiracy.
- Q. While you were a member of this Communist Party, for 12 years as an agent for the FBI.
- P. Don't say agent. I was a counter-spy. When you say agent, there is conflict as to agent and counter-spy.
- Q. When you come to work for them?
- P. That's right, Philbrick, myself and a couple of others.
- Q. While you were doing all of this, what information did you give to the FBI that possibly lead to a break----- Is it a matter of record?
- P. Yes, I have it in my testimony before the Committee.
- Q. Well, this is your testimony. Do you have some documentation from outside?
- P. Yes, I've turned over to the FBI, over the years every little scrap of documented information that I accumulated from the Communist Conspiracy. Much of it has been given to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, but as I say, that organization-- and the information is buried from the public but I'm at liberty to talk about this thing as a citizen. But of course it will not be believed because I am alone, I have no substantiating witnesses which alone is enough to cover----- So, I am in a very tenuous position because I come here to tell you the truth and I don't have the sworn statements by other undercover men because I don't know who they were at the time and all the FBI-----
- Q. Did the FBI ever publicly acknowledge you as a counter-spy?
- P. Yes they have, many times.

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Well, many times. When I speak at meetings, people sponsoring me will send a telegram to J. Edgar Hoover and he will send a telegram back, with, I think, he uses the word, FBI Operator from this year to this year and he says he was paid for his services and anything he has to say, as a citizen, is his privilege.

Is J. Edgar Hoover aware of the fact that Walter Reuther was a dupe of the Communist Party or a -----

I don't know if he's aware sir, but certainly the volumes of information that he has from undercover agents throughout the United States and the Trade Union movement, there is certainly the implication that Walter Reuther is carrying out the class struggle type of tactic the Communists want in the United States. But I can't speak for J. Edgar Hoover. I said from the start that nothing I say necessarily reflects the thinkings of the FBI.

It seems to me that the presence of a valid class struggle in the United States is in opposition to the end result of the Communists during which is a classless society. Now, why is this playing into their hands?

I'll tell you why it's playing into their hands if you'll listen long enough. Now we're getting into a long discussion. The pre-requisites of revolution in the United States, and the revolution doesn't necessarily mean insurrection with guns and bombs. The pre-requisites are:

- (1) The Communist Party be strong enough through hidden identity, just like Castro, to lead millions of Americans in this fight against Capitalism.
- (2) They have to have an economic situation where they can lead unemployed.
- (3) They have to have a weak vassalizing, left-wing government in power.
- (4) They have to have a situation where, the Trade Union movement is prepared to call a political strike in conjunction with a demagogic demonstrations such as unemployed, civil rights and so forth. When the Communists reach these objectives, I don't like to say this, the United States will be in a position where it will not---you can have a situation where you can have a--- shall we say, a benevolent dictatorship for the protection of the Civil Rights and the minority groups in the United States with massive unemployment demonstrations, general strikes or a political issue. Now these are the objectives of the Communist Party and this is the direction in which our Trade Union movement is going in the United States.

Was asked to read his press release statement.

Statement read.

After statement was read, he stated, I don't want to imply by this statement that George Edwards and Walter Reuther were members of the Communist Party.

It's your statement, all you have to do is read it. If there is any

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implication it was all your own authorship.

Q. Sir, Walter Neuther, his wife and George Edwards were that evening and the following morning aware that you were a Communist and that this was a Communist order not to disturb John L. Lewis?

A. I have no way of knowing that they knew that this was a Communist order but they knew me a west-side organizer for the Communist Party.

Q. Were they sympathetic to the Communist line in 1937, this day and that evening?

A. I'd say yes.

Q. And are they now?

A. On the surface it would appear that Walter Neuther is opposed to Communism but it is my opinion from my 26 years experience within a Conspiracy that the work that Walter Neuther is carrying out is leading us to a Socialist form of government patterned after the class struggle tactic which is outlined by Lenin, Marx and the Communist Party.

Q. Does the same go for George Edwards, in this particular area?

A. I'm not familiar with the activities of George Edwards whatsoever. I understand he's Police Commissioner and he just got a Federal appointment to a Judgeship and I can only talk about the young man, or he was a young man when I knew him, as having been at that time, a militant left-wing Socialist.

Q. Do you think that his association in 1937 leads to a clear and present danger, so far as being a Federal Judge today?

A. I think the fact that George Edwards is not taking any decisive steps, to my knowledge, in an all out fight against Communism in the United States and Michigan, for that reason alone, I feel he has not the qualifications to a judgeship.

Q. Is it your opinion that organized labor is pro-American or pro-Communism, as it is today?

A. Unfortunately the labor movement is definitely being used as instrumentalities by the Communist Party to attain Communist objectives. This movement in the United States originally was set up for a good purpose, that of workers and employers getting together but it has developed into a militant, class conscious fighting organization of workers against boss, with the threat of strikes and sit-downs and demonstrations and this aspect of the Trade Union movement, I believe plays right into the hands of the Communist Conspiracy.

Q. Are you suggesting that the labor leaders in the United States are aware they're being used in the manner and they're doing this willingly?

I would say that there are many labor leaders such as Walter Reuther who I think and believe to be a Marxist. I think he is aware of the Communist objective of political strikes and, as a matter of fact, Walter Reuther, when the Taft-Hartly Act was first invoked threatened our country with a political strike if the Taft-Hartly Act was invoked. So Walter Reuther is aware of the fact of Marxist teachings, of political strike.

End of conference.